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GERMANY TO ANNEX BELGIUM, INDICATED TO U. S. NOW THREATENED BY AUSTRIANS, RUSSIA GIVES UP SIEGE OF CRACOW

TEUTON GOVERNMENT SAYS AMERICAN CONSULS MUST BE ACCEPTABLE; SOME NOT

State Department Notified of New Regime—U. S. Cruiser Carries Refugees From Turkey to Egypt—Petrograd Admits Investment of Cracow Again Raised—Says Russians Found Austrian Wedge Getting Dangerous, So They Retired—Little Change in Situation on Other Fields of Battle—Austria Thanks America for Christmas Gifts to Children

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The German government has notified the state department that American consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities. The government also says it is desirable that some of the present consuls be withdrawn. This action by the Teuton government is believed to foreshadow the annexation of Belgium by Germany.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Menaced by the Turks since the outbreak of the war, foreigners of all kinds are fleeing from Turkish ports. So alarming did the situation become at Jaffa that the U. S. cruiser Tennessee took aboard 500 polyglot refugees and is conveying them to Alexandria.

Russians Besieging Cracow Forced to Abandon Plans and Retreat 50 Miles

PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 28.—Official—"The investment of Cracow by the Russian forces has again been raised. The Russians discovered that the Austrian wedge was attempting to split the Russian forces in Galicia and to avoid the cutting of the line, the Russians retreated fifty miles."

Paris Claims Considerable Progress and Defeat of German Counter-Moves

PARIS, France, Dec. 28.—Official—"Our advance near Lombardie has reached the sand dunes on which the forces of the enemy were established."

"Near Hellebroke we lost one section of trenches. Near Lens we captured 800 yards of German first line trenches."

"We have made slight progress along the entire front on the Meuse."

"In Alsace the German counter-attacks northeast of Steinbach have been repulsed."

Berlin Says all of Enemy's Attacks Have Failed; Teutons Gain a Trench

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 28.—Official—"All of the enemy's renewed attacks against Nieuport and St. George have failed."

"South of Ypres we have gained one trench. Southeast of Verdun we have repulsed several attacks."

"No news has developed in East Prussia or Poland."

Austria Official Thanks People of United States for Christmas Gifts

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Ambassador Frederic Courtland Penfield of the United States embassy at Vienna has communicated to Washington the thanks of Emperor Franz Josef for the Christmas gifts to Austrian children sent by the people of America.

War-Scene in Russian Poland, Showing Teuton Soldiers Advancing Over Bleak Countryside



The photograph above is from the Illustrated section of the Berlin Tageblatt, said to have been smuggled out of Germany to New York, from which it found its way to the Hawaiian Islands. It shows a German corps of engineers, heavily guarded, carrying forward a huge amount of bridge-building equipment to be used in crossing a river in Russian Poland. The photograph was taken during the German advance on Warsaw. Winter was falling over the bleak country but the roads were evidently in good condition as the heavy loads are being carried on rather narrow-tired wagons.

U. S. MARSHAL NOT SUCCESS AS AN AUCTIONEER

Jessie Fremont, Said to Be
Worth Thousands, Goes Under
Hammer for \$275

Bringing little more than one-third of the total awards made in the damage suit against the vessel and the costs of the proceedings in the federal court, the schooner Jessie Fremont was sold at auction by the United States marshal this morning for \$275, the highest bidder being F. W. and Walter Macfarlane. The costs of the libel brought against the schooner by Charles Howard, S. R. Palmer, Arthur Fields and Mrs. Ada B. Frair, and the amounts awarded them by Judge Charles F. Clemons upon the termination of the proceedings, amounted to \$630.33.

The Macfarlane brothers will not take possession of the Fremont until the sale is approved by the court. In case the sale is not approved, a re-sale is necessary.

Capt. George Frair appeared greatly concerned over the small amount for which the schooner in which he started from San Diego on a purported pearling expedition to the Admiralty Islands, was sold.

"The Jessie Fremont was a good schooner," he said, "and I guess her actual value would run into the thousands. She was a seaworthy craft and recently had been replanked and resailed."

The Jessie Fremont was ordered sold by Judge Clemons after he had handed down a decision favoring those who brought the suit against the vessel. The order devised the following amounts from the proceeds of the sale:

Charles Howard, \$164.33; S. R. Palmer, \$123.50; Arthur Fields, \$123.50; Mrs. Ada B. Frair, \$99; George Davis, \$100 and S. F. Chillingworth, \$20. The costs amounted to \$109.20. Howard, Palmer and Fields were seamen on the Fremont, and filed the libel following the abandonment of the pearling voyage at Honolulu and their discharge by Capt. Frair at this port.

MANY LEADERS IN CALIFORNIA MOURN ARCHBISHOP RIORDAN

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—Chief Justice Sullivan of the supreme court of California heads the list of 45 pallbearers who will officiate at the funeral of Archbishop Patrick William Riordan, whose death occurred yesterday. The funeral will be held next Thursday in St. Mary's Cathedral. Many other leading business and professional men are among the pallbearers.

A hearing of the case of Lau Choy and Lau Chong, charged with having unlawfully possession of government property, is being had this afternoon before United States Commissioner George S. Curry.

LEO FRANK MAY BE FREED; U. S. JUSTICE ACTS

Man Convicted in Noted Atlanta Case Secures Writ of Habeas Corpus

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Justice Lamar of the supreme court of the United States today granted the appeal of Leo Frank for a writ of habeas corpus.

The Frank case has attracted nationwide attention and has resulted in severe criticism against the courts of Georgia. On April 26, 1913, a 14-year-old girl named Mary Phagan was killed in Atlanta, Georgia, and her body hidden in the basement of the pencil factory of which Leo Frank was superintendent. Frank and a negro were arrested, suspected of the crime. Frank was finally convicted of the murder. Even while the trial was under way, facts began to come to the surface which pointed to a hitherto unsuspected negro, as the real murderer. Public opinion ran high in Georgia against Frank during the trial and it has been charged that the jury was largely influenced by terrorism. Frank is a Jew and was alleged to be the victim of prejudice as well as of public passion.

After his conviction the case was appealed but the Georgia courts, it is explained, cannot reverse the verdict of a lower court on any ground but that of an error of law and the higher court refused to interfere. The case was given attention all over the United States. Collier's Weekly sent C. P. Connolly to Atlanta to make an investigation and in the latest issue of the weekly Connolly declares that Frank is not the murderer.

That a justice of the United States supreme court has granted the habeas corpus appeal indicates that Frank may ultimately be cleared. He has twice been condemned to death.

CONSUL UNDER ARREST; ARSON IS THE CHARGE

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 28.—A sensation has been created here with the arrest today of Senor Fernando Vivas, consul for Honduras, charged with arson. Firemen found his burning home was literally sprinkled with inflammables.

PRESIDENT WILSON 58 YEARS OLD; MANY SEND CONGRATULATIONS

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Wilson is today receiving

REPUBLICANS OF HAWAII GET AID OF REED SMOOT

Utah Senator Pledges Aid in Holding Six Votes in National Convention

Reed Smoot, senator from Utah and one of the influential men in national Republican circles, has pledged his support to the Republican party of Hawaii in its effort to prevent representation being taken from this territory at national G. O. P. conventions.

Hawaii Republicans now have six voting delegates at each national convention but the national committee, in its wholesale revision of the plan of delegates in order to carry out needed reforms, lopped off the territory's representation until now it stands at two non-voting delegates. Local Republican leaders have protested against the reduction and received answer that the protests would be considered at the next meeting of the national committee, which may not be until late next year.

Writing to a prominent Honolulu G. O. P. man, Senator Smoot declares in favor of the local contention. He says in a letter just received:

"I have read your letter addressed to Hon. Charles D. Hilles, chairman Republican national committee, with interest, and as I expect to visit New York before long for the purpose of talking over political questions with Mr. Hilles, I shall take your letter with me and discuss the subject matter of the same with him."

"I shall do all I can to assist you at the next national committee meeting, at which this subject will no doubt be taken up for consideration."

UNCLE SAM WILL PUBLISH DAILY IN WASHINGTON

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The United States government will enter into the newspaper business in a small way on January 2. Arrangements have been made by the department of commerce to publish a daily commercial report, containing all the important cablegrams of attaches and consuls. The plan is devised in order to give greater publicity to the work of the department. The present consular reports sent out by mail will not be discontinued but will constitute a supplement to the daily summary.

congratulations upon his 58th birthday. Besides the felicitations extended to him by cabinet members, department heads and congressional and official leaders in Washington the President is receiving many telegrams and letters of congratulation.

CONGRESS URGED TO ENACT A NEW IMMIGRANT LAW

Dr. Gulick, Dr. Scudder and Others Join in Appeal to Senators and Representatives

ASK "ORIENTAL POLICY"
BE DEFINITELY SETTLED

Federal Council of Churches
Sends Petition Arguing For
Speedy Action

Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, noted missionary and closely-connected with Hawaii, and Dr. Doremus Scudder, pastor of Central Union church, are two of the signers of an appeal to Congress urging that the entire immigration problem be taken up at an early date and a new policy in the treatment of Oriental immigrants be worked out.

News of this line of activity by the Federal Council of the Christian churches of America has come from New York. It was announced on December 20 by many churches. Dr. Scudder has been in the states for several months, part of the time in California, endeavoring to convince legislators that further anti-alien legislation in that state is unwise and dangerous.

According to the plan announced in New York, a petition urging upon Congress the adoption of "an Oriental policy based upon a just and equitable regard for the interests of all of the nations concerned," has been sent out by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, through its commission on relations with Japan. Congress is asked to take up the entire immigration problem at an early date.

The appeal which has been sent to each senator and representative, the President and members of the cabinet, is signed by Dr. C. R. Brown, dean of Yale divinity school; Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks of Columbia; Hamilton Holt, editor of the Independent; Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, representative on international relations; Bishop Hendrix of St. Louis; Dr. Fred-

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MAYOR TO GIVE ANNUAL BALL ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Says It Will Not Conflict With
Governor's Ball Set for
Same Date

There will be two public balls in Honolulu on New Year's eve—the great ball at the National Guard armory given by Governor Pinkham, and Mayor Fern's annual outdoor ball.

A published statement this morning that Mayor Fern had given up his New Year's dance—his farewell dance, by the way—brought instant and vigorous denial from the mayor's office. Secretary Miles definitely announced that the ball will be held.

"The mayor's outdoor dance is an annual affair and it will be given this year," announced Miles. "It was established several years ago by the Merchants' Association and the mayor was asked to take charge of it. Thus it became the annual municipal outdoor dance and has attracted thousands of people. We do not believe it will conflict in any way with the governor's ball. There will be many hundreds of people who do not go to the governor's ball who will attend the mayor's function."

"Make it definite that the mayor's ball will be given on Bishop street on New Year's eve, beginning at 8 o'clock, and that Mayor Fern will lead the grand march."

Meanwhile preparations are going on for the governor's ball in the armory. This is to be one of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in Hawaii, from all indications. The governor is emphasizing the fact that everybody is welcome and everybody is invited. The following official notice has been issued:

"The governor of Hawaii begs to announce that as he desires the presence of the people of Hawaii, that he may meet them generally, at the reception and ball to be given by him on New Year's eve, December 31, 1914, at the National Guard armory."

"Invitations have been sent so far as lists have been obtainable. Should any fail of delivery or omissions occur he trusts the above invitation will be accepted."

NEW OFFICIALS FIND LITTLE IN CITY TREASURY

Incoming Administration Must
Hold to Closest Economy or
Meet Disaster

1915 REVENUE ESTIMATE
SHOWS NECESSITY OF CUT

Republican Regime Must
Reduce Expenditures \$41,000
Below Those of 1914

Strictest economy must be practiced by the new city administration if it is to live within its estimated income for 1915.

When the new mayor and board of supervisors take office on January 1—the first Monday of the new year—they will face an unenviable financial situation.

They must make a cut of at least \$41,000 in current expenses to be within the estimated revenue, and must there will be nothing left for special or urgent appropriations. They must spend at least \$41,000 less than the outgoing board was able to spend in 1914 or run the danger of a financial smash.

The city's income for 1915 is not known and will not be known for several months. This uncertain feature of the taxation system is due to the fact that the tax rate is not fixed until the latter part of January and the income of the city and of the entire territory depends a good deal on such a fluctuating basis as the price of sugar, because on this plantation returns partly depend.

The city and county auditor's office makes a conservative estimate that the new board, to be on the right side, must cut \$41,653.32 from the expenditure of the present board for 1914. In order to leave something for emergencies, an even deeper cut is necessary.

The new administration confronts a financial situation declared at the auditor's office to be serious. For four or five months it will have to save every cent possible in order to be ready for contingencies. A large part of this saving must come from the maintenance fund.

Investigation made by the Star-Bulletin at the auditor's office this morning gave a good line on the situation. Upon request this paper was furnished with the following financial statement, which is brought up to date and shows exactly the status of city finances at the beginning of 1915:

1. Estimated revenue for 1914.
General fund—
Taxes, 2.3 of 1 per cent on \$84,000,000 (estimated assessments for 1915)..... \$500,000.00
One-fourth to permanent improvement fund..... 140,000.00

License fees..... \$420,000.00
Liquor license fees..... 46,000.00
City departmental receipts 70,000.00
Poll and dog taxes..... 20,000.00

Less—
Delinquent taxes (estimated)..... \$20,000.00
Transfer to cash balance fund..... 42,000.00— 62,000.00

Balance to appropriate..... \$604,000.00

2. Appropriation Bill,
January, 1914..... \$325,738.32

July, 1914..... 309,865.00

Total..... \$635,603.32—\$635,603.32

3. Not Required to be Appropriated During Same Period During 1915.

Matron shelter home \$450

Election expenses..... \$5,500

Maint. shelter home 1,250

Maint. of schools..... 6,900— \$12,200.00

Balance..... \$623,403.32

or \$19,403.32 more than the estimated revenue.

4. Road Tax.

This is estimated at \$60,000, or \$22,250 less than 1914 board spent.

5. Curtailment required both funds (road tax and general) \$41,653.32 to be within the estimated revenue and not leave a cent for special or urgent appropriations.

MISS M. OMSTED, for the past two years stenographer for the Promotion Committee, will leave for San Francisco early in February to take the position of secretary and stenographer to H. P. Wood, Hawaii resident commissioner at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

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